

SIGNAL FORMAT THAT FACILITATES EASY SCALABILITY OF ENCRYPTED STREAMS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer readable medium having a data packet stored therein for causing a functional change in the operation of a device is disclosed. In one embodiment, the data packet is comprised of a scalably encoded, progressively encrypted data portion. In the present embodiment, the data packet further includes a header data portion corresponding to the scalably encoded, progressively encrypted data portion. The header data portion includes information adapted to be used by a transcoder to transcode the scalably encoded, progressively encrypted, data portion.